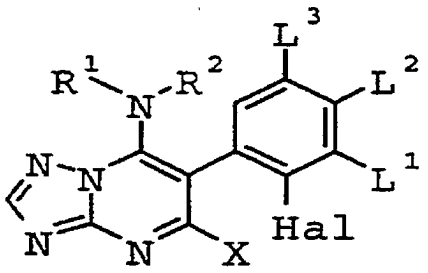
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ compound of formula I



I

in which

Hal is halogen;

L^1, L^3 independently denote hydrogen, halogen, or C_1-C_4-alkyl;

L^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, or NH_2, NHR^b, or $N(R^b)_2$,

R^b is C_1-C_8-alkyl, or C(=O)-A, in which

A is C_1-C_8-alkyl;

wherein at least one from L^1, L^2, and L^3 is not hydrogen;

X is halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, or C_1-C_6-alkoxy;

R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a saturated or partially unsaturated 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, containing one nitrogen atom or one nitrogen atom and one sulfur atom, which ring may be substituted by one to three R^a radicals;

R^a is C_1-C_6 alkyl.

11. (Currently amended) The compound ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of formula I according to claim 10, in which

R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a saturated or partially unsaturated 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, containing one nitrogen atom or one nitrogen atom and one sulfur atom, being optionally substituted with one or two C_1–C_4–alkyl groups.

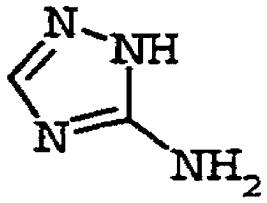
12. (Currently amended) The compound ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of formula I according to claim 10 in which R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a saturated or partially unsaturated 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, containing one nitrogen atom or one nitrogen atom and one sulfur atom, being optionally substituted with one or two methyl groups.

13. (Currently amended) The compound ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of formula I according to claim 10 in which X is halogen.

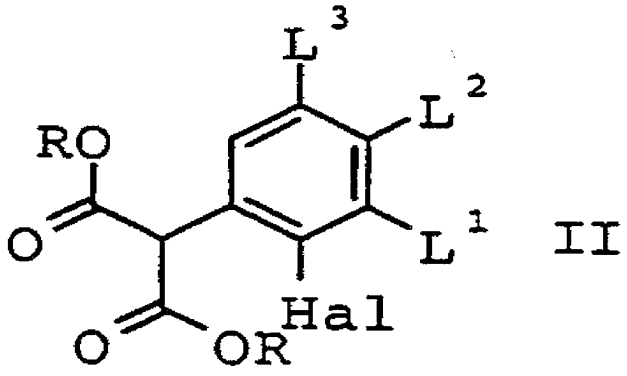
14. (Currently amended) The compound ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of formula I according to claim 10 in which the 6-(2-halogenphenyl)group represents one of the following moieties:

2,3,5-trifluorophenyl; 2-F,4-CF_3-phenyl; 2-F,5-CH_3-phenyl; 2-Cl,4-F-phenyl; 2-F,4-Cl-phenyl; 2-F,4-Br-phenyl; 2-Cl,4-Br-phenyl; 2,3-difluorophenyl; 2,4-difluorophenyl; 2,4,5-trifluorophenyl; 2,3,4-trifluorophenyl; 2-F,4-$NHC(O)CH_3$-phenyl; and 2-Br,3,5-difluorophenyl.

15. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of the compound ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of formula I as defined in claim 13 which comprises reacting 5-amino-1,2,4-triazole

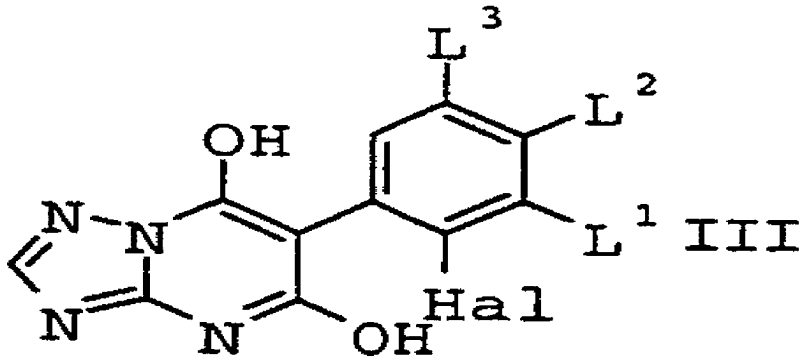


with 2-phenyl-substituted malonic acid ester of formula II,



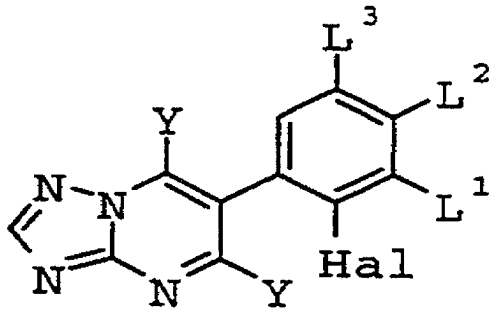
II

wherein Hal, L^1, L^2, and L^3 are as defined in formula I, and R denotes C_1–C_6-alkyl, under alkaline conditions, to yield compounds of formula III,



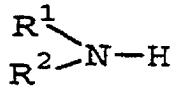
III

which are subsequently treated with a halogenating agent to give 5,7-dihalogen-6-phenyl-triazolopyrimidines of formula IV



IV

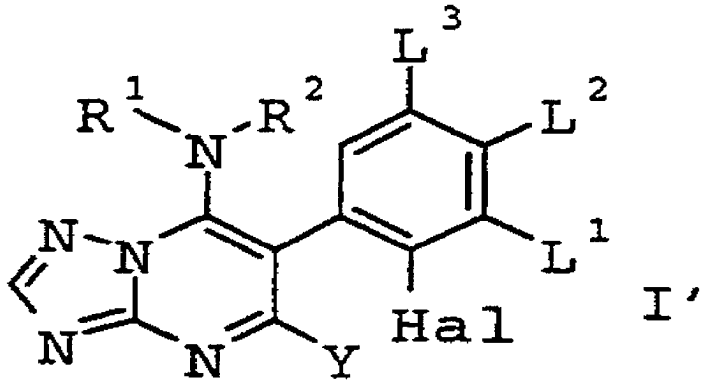
in which Y is halogen, and which is reacted with an amine of formula V



V

in which R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 10 to produce compounds of formula I, as defined in claim 13.

16. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation the compound ~~substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl) triazolopyrimidine~~ of formula I according to claim 10 wherein X is C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy, which comprises reacting 5-halogen-triazolopyrimidine of formula I',



I'

wherein Y is halogen, with compounds of formula VI,

M-X' VI

which is an alkoxylate, wherein M is ammonium-, tetraalkylammonium-, alkalimetal- or alkaline earth metal cation, to produce compounds of formula I.

17. (Currently amended) A composition suitable for controlling phytopathogenic fungi, comprising a solid or liquid carrier and the compound ~~the substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of the formula I as claimed in claim 10.

18. (Currently amended) A method for controlling phytopathogenic fungi, which comprises treating the fungi or the materials, plants, the soil or the seed to be protected against fungal attack with an effective amount of the compound ~~the substituted 6-(2-halogenphenyl)-triazolopyrimidine~~ of the formula I as claimed in claim 10.